Senior leaders share Fourth of July messages

Base historians win ACC, Air Force level awards

Air Force marathon registration open

Page 5 Page 15 Page 2

Observer

www.barksdale.af.mil/observer

Proudly Serving the Barksdale Community Since 1949

Vol. 57, Number 26

July 2, 2004

NEWS BRIEFS

No fireworks allowed

Barksdale residents are not allowed to possess fireworks on the installation at any time. Individuals found with fireworks in their possession will be escorted off the installation. Call Staff Sgt. Kimberly Blanco, 2d Security Forces Squadron, at 456-4407 for more information.

Commander's calls

The 2d Mission Support Group commander's call is open to all 2d MSG base members July 15 at the base theater at 7:30 a.m. and at 3 p.m.

No more decals

The 2d Security Forces Squadron pass and registration section is currently out of decals for vehicle registration. The pass and registration section staff will issue temporary 30-day vehicle passes to members who are in need of the decals. Call Tech. Sgt. Willie Davis at 456-5645 for more information.



Today

Mostly cloudy



Sunday Mostly cloudy



н



Monthly flying goals

Depicted in hours

Goal:





227.1

Flown: 357.9 468.1 128.2

Remaining: 219.5 98.9 As of: June 25 -132.1 +87.8-53.5



A Barksdale B-52 Stratofortress sits on Hickam Air Force Base's flightline in Hawaii with Waikiki and Diamond Head in the background. The planes started their missions from the island during the joint exercise.

Base B-52s take part in **OM** exercise

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

About 40 of the more than 200 Airmen from the 96th Bomb Squadron currently deployed to Guam participated in a joint training exercise sponsored by Alaskan Command June 7-16.

Members of the 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and two of the deployed B-52 Stratofortress' made their debut as participants in Exercise Northern Edge '04 by exercising the aircraft's ability to communicate and coordinate with forward controllers on the ground in remote areas of the Pacific Alaska Range near Fairbanks. They flew 2,600-mile missions from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, in support of the exercise.

They joined more than 9,000 Airmen, Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and Coast Guardsmen from active duty, reserve and National Guard units for the exercise, which is designed to enhance interoperability among each branch of the military by sharpening and honing joint service techniques and procedures.

"The Northern Edge sorties provided

an excellent opportunity to train jointly at a location far away from where the bomber force is used to operating," said Lt. Col. Robert Colella, 96th EBS commander. "The strike coordination for these sorties was very intense as the bombers integrated with other airborne weapons systems like the E-3 AWACS, F-16s and F-15s. Working with these other fuel-limited assets, the B-52 can be very flexible in accommodating mission changes."

The exercise also provided aircrew with a first-time opportunity to fly while wearing life support equipment, known as anti-exposure suits.

"The suits are designed to preserve life in cold water should a bailout be necessary," said Capt. David Lamiquiz, a deployed B-52 crewmember. "These suits, along with water floatation devices, are to be worn by aircrew while flying over open water."

"We really demonstrated the B-52's ability to meet any tasking within the theater at a moments notice," Colonel Colella said. "The B-52, while a venerable aircraft, still continues to provide awesome capability to those commanders who require massive amounts of firepower and extended loiter time. Being able to forward deploy and bring bombs on target is a mission that the B-52 performs well. We can be anywhere in the region and still fight lethally, as has been demonstrated in past combat deployments like operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom."

A Pacific Air Forces official said the B-52 will participate as a key asset during exercises like Northern Edge in the Pacific area of responsibility.

"While flying from Guam, the jets can project airpower in support of America's defense strategy at a moment's notice, said Maj. James Law, PACAF Public Affairs News Division chief. "Since the B-52s are in theater, it only makes sense for them to participate in exercises. The bombers are closer to potential flashpoints in the region while operating out of Guam. Exercises like Northern Edge truly allow the B-52 to demonstrate their Global Reach capability."

Welcome Cols. Klassen and Todaro

July 2, 2004 Commentary Observer

Carlson sends July 4 message

BY LT. GEN. BRUCE CARLSON

8TH AIR FORCE COMMANDER

A few weeks ago we remembered the 60th anniversary of the D-day invasion. How fitting it is that we celebrate the birth of our country with the sacrifices of those Airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines still fresh in our minds.

Let us not forget that our nation was forged by noble ideas, as well as violent battles. On this date, 228 years ago, members of the Continental Congress met on a sweltering July day in Philadelphia and made a courageous decision that changed the course of history ... they adopted the Declaration of Independence.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the words that formed the soul of this great nation — declaring that all men are "endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

Founded on these principles, America has lived in freedom for more than two centuries and now stands as the flagship of democracy for the entire world. Other nations look to us as a beacon of hope and welcome the chance to taste the same freedom and liberty that we cherish so dearly.

But that freedom has not come without sacrifice. Many before us have paid with their lives so we could enjoy those liberties. Many of the "Mighty Eighth" family are among those who championed democracy.

Now is the time to salute those brave patriots. This holiday is not just about barbecues, flags or fireworks; it's also about remembering those who gave of themselves so we can live in a free society. It's about recommitting ourselves to the values of our country's forefathers and the spirit of our great nation.

Each generation has a responsibility to remember and to carry the torch of freedom to the next generation. Today, members of the "Mighty Eighth" are working together for the cause of freedom, both at home stations and on deployments across the globe. Your nation owes you its gratitude and unwavering support. Freedom does come with a price, and it is evident by your actions that you have paid that price in defending our nation's liberty and independence.

Former President Ronald Reagan said it this way, "It is up to us ... to work together for progress and humanity so that our grandchildren, when they look back at us, can truly say that we not only preserved the flame of freedom, but cast its warmth and light further than those who came before us."

So on this most American of holidays, let us not only celebrate the liberty we enjoy as Americans, let us also celebrate those who defend them. May we always remember the heroes who have gone before and the heroes who still stand watch today.

I thank you and your families for your outstanding service in defense of America's freedom.

God bless our great nation!

Senior leaders wish members safe fourth

BY DR. JAMES ROCHE AND GEN. JOHN JUMPER
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE AND AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF

Happy birthday, America! For the last 228 years our nation has been the beacon for peace, freedom and opportunity around the world. America earned that reputation through courageous acts of patriotism by our founding fathers and through bravery on battlefields from Bunker Hill to Baghdad.

On Sunday, we'll celebrate with family and friends the joys of peace and the blessings of freedom. As you celebrate, please remember those who paid the ultimate price defending the values established by our forefathers in forging our great nation.

This Independence Day is especially meaningful as we support the rebirth of Iraqi sovereignty and defend freedom far from home. Today, Airmen are deployed all over the world, engaged on all fronts in the Global War on Terrorism, carrying freedom's torch. Please remember our deployed Airmen in your thoughts and prayers on the Fourth of July.

America looks to you as their representatives of pride, strength and perseverance in times of peace and war. We're proud of you and salute your great service. We wish you and your families a safe and happy Fourth of July!

ACC commander wishes safe, joyous Independence Day

GEN. HAL HORNBURG

AIR COMBAT COMMAND COMMANDER

When our founding fathers adopted the Declaration of Independence 228 years ago, they sent an enduring message to the world — that all peoples, groups, races and nations have an unalienable right to live free from the yoke of tyranny and oppression.

Today, we pause to celebrate that bold step toward Liberty and, in the spirit of the holiday, should look to the symbolic birth of our great Nation as a source of hope and inspiration.

We should also pause for a moment to reflect on the sacrifices of our brothersand sisters-in-arms who, from Valley Forge and Normandy to Afghanistan and Iraq, have fought and fallen in the name of freedom — not just for Americans,



Gen. Hal Hornburg

but for all people.

We will also honor you today and all the noble work you do here at home and abroad to further the cause of liberty for all mankind. Your willingness to sacrifice and

your professionalism, patriotism and warrior spirit have

never faltered. As President George W. Bush has said, you truly "... reflect the best of our Nation."

Cynthia joins me in sending our best wishes for a safe and joyous Independence Day.

Action Line

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged.

Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.

Call the Action Line at 456-4000 or e-mail action.line@barksdale.af.mil

udo: Please extend our sincere thanks to the men and women of the 2nd Bomb Wing. Our children were married in Shreveport last month and we had many guests visiting and staying on base. We would especially like to thank Master Sgt. Julia Broadway from 2d BW Protocol, the men and women from the 2d Security Forces and 2d Services squadrons and 2d BW Chaplain Major Tom Diab. Their hard work and kindness to us is so very much appreciated. Thank you all.

Sincerely,

— Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Craig Koziol, 55th Wing commander, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Col. and Mrs. Jim Dunn,
 Langley AFB, Va. Air Combat
 Command Director of Operations
 Training.

P.S. Congratulations to Team Barksdale on winning the Air Combat Command Fitness Challenge!

Observer



Staff: 456-3241/5501/1015/5502 Advertising: 459-3475 Fax: 456-5986

Volume 57, Number 26

Observer 109 Barksdale Blvd. W, Ste., 209 Barksdale AFB, LA 71110-2164 observer@barksdale.af.mil
From government computers, use the site below https://w3.barksdale.af.mil/observer

—————————————————————————————————————	2d Bomb Wing Editorial Staff	*
Col. Michael Moeller		,
Maj. William Manley		Chief, Public Affairs Division
Senior Airman Andrea Knudson		
J. Manny Guendulay		Assistant Editor
Airman 1st Class Justasia Lehmann .		Staff Writer
Airman Brandon Kusek		Staff Writer

The *Observer* is published each Friday by Gannett River States Publishing Company, DBA The Times, a private firm in no way connected with the Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 2d Bomb Wing. This civilian enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services and their families. Content of the *Observer* is not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts and supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force or Gannet River States Publishing Company, DBA The Times, of the products or services advertised. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office. All photographs are Air Force photographs unless otherwise indicated. The *Observer* welcomes submitted articles. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. one week prior to publication. Submissions must be typed on plain, bond paper; on a clearly labeled computer diskette in ASCII text or Microsoft® Word™ format; or e-mailed to observer@barksdale.af.mil. Submissions must include full rank, name and phone number of the author. All articles will be edited for accuracy, brevity, clarity and journalistic style and run on a space-available basis.

Reasons for motorcycle safety

BY MR. P. J. ADAMS
2D BOMB WING SAFETY OFFICE

Picture this: a commander and supervisor find out one of their unit members was involved in a serious mishap. They don't hear about this through normal military channels, but through local and national news. They discovered the rider was on a high-powered sport motorcycle that struck and killed a jogger at more than 80 mph in an area posted at 40 mph.

This just isn't something made up to make a good lead for this article, it actually happened to a Florida motorcycle rider in the Navy. While events surrounding this death may be unique, sport motorcycle-related incidents are not.

Barksdale has had its own motorcycle mishaps. Four motorcycle mishaps have been reported from the beginning of the fiscal year through April. All four involved sport motorcycles. Two of the mishaps violated established

Defense Department and Air Force guidance concerning training or proper motorcycle riding gear.

To prevent motorcycle mishaps and improve safety, the Department of Defense requires all military services to establish and implement on- and off-duty safety programs. Military components must have a traffic safety program under which a motorcycle safety program mirrors or exceeds the DOD requirement. The primary element in motorcycle safety states military people shall not operate motorcycles "on- or off-duty until they have successfully completed a motorcycle safety foundation course." This is a mandatory requirement. Secondly, riders must always wear motorcycle safety gear when operating or riding as a passenger.

Once riding gear was only thought of in terms of protection in case it was needed during a fall. However, protective equipment and procedures have since expanded to include adding bright colors to a riding jacket to increase visibility in surrounding traffic.

In the past it was common to hear an automobile operator tell the police officer, "I never saw the motorcyclist!" This was usually because the rider was wearing dark colored clothing. Federal motor vehicle laws also require motorcycle headlights to come on when started.

These improvements help to reduce accidents, but they are still not enough.

Motorcycle training and wearing motorcycle protective gear doesn't make responsible riders. Riding on public roadways requires responsibility and situational awareness.

Motorcycling will continue to be a high risk activity, something cyclists, supervisors and commanders should always keep in mind.

Commanders and supervisors must take positive corrective action when notified of reckless behavior of a worker not just on the job, but even in recreational activities.

Staying safe on a motorcycle

Additional required safety gear besides a helmet with eye protection includes:

- Brightly colored or contrasting colored jacket or vest during the day. Long sleeves must be worn if a brightly colored or contrasting colored vest is worn during the day. The jacket or vest must be reflective during the night. The outer upper garment (jacket or vest) will be clearly visible and not covered by a backpack. A suggestion for backpack wear is to attach a second reflective vest to backpacks.
- Full-fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens.
- Long trousers and sturdy footwear. Leather boots or over-theankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

News Observer # July 2, 2004



Colonel Todaro speaks to the audience during his change of command ceremony.

Colonel Todaro takes command

Barksdale welcomes 2d MDG commander during change of command ceremony

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

Col. Robert Todaro took command of the 2d Medical Group from Col. Jerry Owen June 25 at the offi-

Todaro comes to Barksdale from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where he served as of commander Aeromedical Dental Group.

"I know I have some large boots to fill, and look forward to the challenge of growing into them," Colonel Todaro said. "I anticipate great findings during a future civil-Commission Joint Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and also an Inspector General Health Services Inspection, which will certainly reflect your influences and leadership, too."

Colonel Owen is headed to the 59th Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, where he will be the deputy chief of hospital services.

"As one superb officer leaves, we are fortunate to have another incredibly talented, combat tested leader ready to step in and assume command," said Colonel Michael Moeller, commander 2d Bomb Wing. "Colonel Bob Todaro is the best of the best; he is an expeditionary veteran, a seasoned commander and an outstanding doctor who is a perfect fit to take the unit to even greater heights."

Colonel Todaro received his bachelor's degree from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. in 1974. He attended N.Y. Medical College in 1980, and Family Practice Residency at Flower Memorial Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, in 1983. He earned a masters degree in public health from Harvard University in 1993 and graduated from the Residency in Aerospace Force School of Aerospace Medicine in 1995.

The colonel is a chief flight surgeon with 1,300 flying hours in 17 different aircraft including B-52, C-5, F-15, KC-10 and T-38 with 34 combat missions and 95 sorties in the C-130, UH-60 and CH-47.

His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Outstanding Unit Award with tree oak leaf clusters, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon.

During a deployment to Iraq, he flew humanitarian relief missions to Iran following the devastating Bam earthquake which killed 30,000. The colonel also flew medical resourcing missions to Dijbouti, Africa and Amman, Jordan as part of the same deployment.

Colonel Todaro was recognized in 1992 as the Space Command Flight Surgeon of the Year.

Air Force announces new captains

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials announced Tuesday the results of a 2004 quarterly captain selection process that selected 956 lieutenants for promotion. Of those 15 are from Barksdale for a 100 percent selection rate.

The entire list is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page at http://www.afpc.randolph.af. mil/offprom/.

A total of 962 lieutenants were considered for promotion. Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone:

- 777 line officers were selected from 779 considered for
- 7 chaplains were selected from eight considered for an 87.5 percent rate
- 47 judge advocate general officers were selected from
 - 64 nurse corps officers were selected from 65 consid-

ered for a 98.5 percent rate

- 19 medical service corps officers were selected from 19 considered
- 41 biomedical science corps officers were selected

One line officer was selected from three considered above-the-promotion zone for a 33.3 percent rate.

Barksdale's selections are from the 2d Operations Support Squadron, Michael Boe; 2d Munitions Squadron, Dristen Ellis; 20th Bomb Squadron, Robert Fore and 8th Air Force, Jeffrey Gross.

96th Bomb Squadron, Rome Kennedy, Robert Lamontagne, Shane Marchand, Christopher Miller, Con Rusling and Steve Wilson; 60th Medical Operations Squadron, Arnold Suave, 2d Security Forces Squadron, Charles Stearns and 608th Air Intelligence Squadron, Lisa Lyden, William McCarty Jr. and Jack Morgan. (Courtesy of AFPC

Major to undergo Article 15; decision halts courts martial

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials will proceed with nonjudicial punishment in the 2002 Canadian friendly fire incident.

This decision, made by Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, grants Maj. Harry Schmidt's petition to withdraw his request for trial by court-martial.

General Carlson offered Major Schmidt nonjudicial punishment June 19, 2003, in response to the charges. Six days later, Major Schmidt opted to be tried by courtmartial instead of accepting nonjudicial punishment.

Major Schmidt is charged with dereliction of duty resulting from a mistaken attack on Canadian ground forces near Kandahar, Afghanistan, on April 17, 2002. He failed to ensure the target he attacked was hostile before bombing it.

In addition, he failed to acknowledge and follow the direction of his flight leader and to stand by as directed by a controller on a Airborne Warning and Control

These criminal offenses will now be handled under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Following resolution of the Article 15, the pending court-martial charges and proceedings will be dismissed. If a resolution is not reached, the court-martial will pro-

Punishment under Article 15 in this case can range from no punishment to a reprimand, a fine of up to \$5,600, 60 days restriction or 30 days arrest in quarters.

Major Schmidt dropped a 500-pound, laser-guided bomb from his F-16 Fighting Falcon, killing four and wounding eight Canadian soldiers who were participating in a live-fire exercise at Tarnak Farms in Afghanistan.

General changes deployment clothing policies

BY STAFF SGT. TODD C. LOPEZ

379TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SOUTHWEST ASIA — All Airmen deploying to the Central Command area of responsibility must now ensure the clothing they pack is in step with a recent dress and appearance policy revision now in effect.

The most significant change requires Airmen to wear either desert camouflage uniforms or physical training gear while on an Air Force installation in Southwest Asia, said Lt. Gen. Buck Buchanan, U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander.

When the Air Force physical train-

ing uniform is made available, it and DCUs will be the only authorized clothing for Airmen assigned to units in theater, unless they are specifically authorized to wear something else, the

Because the Air Force PT uniform is still in development, Airmen are authorized to wear civilian-style PT gear as long as it is conservative, professional and with only minimal and appropriate decoration. Shirts must have sleeves and be predominantly a solid color. Shorts must reach to the mid or lower thigh and can not be made of spandex, the general said.

A new policy letter specifically states that Airmen deploying to the

AOR should bring only a "minimum amount of civilian clothing," defined as no more than two dress outfits and/or two casual outfits, not including standard or specialized PT gear.

"How military members present themselves both on and off duty continues to be an important part of the effect our presence has at locations across the globe," General Buchanan said. "This policy ensures our Airmen's dress and appearance give the same professional impression that their tireless accomplishment of the mission does every day. And as importantly, the conservative, low profile it creates reinforces our force-protection goals and operations in the theater."

Best in ACC

Base historians win ACC, Air Force-level awards

BY 1ST LT. CARLA PAMPE 2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For two Barksdale historians, being recognized for excellence is nothing new. Mr. Phil Myers, 8th Air Force historian, and Tech. Sgt. Shawn Bohannon, 2d Bomb Wing historian, have won numerous awards for their work in the past. The two recently added to that list by winning their respective historian categories at Air Combat Command.

Mr. Myers earned the ACC Excellence in History Program Award for 2003 in the above wing level category. He then went on to win his category at Air Force level.

"I've always been somewhat driven to excel," Mr. Myers said. "I've won quite a few history awards in the past, but this is the capstone to those achievements."

Mr. Myers spent 17 of his 22 years in the Air Force as an enlisted historian. During that time period, he won Air Force-level history awards twice and earned a master's degree in history. He was also hand-picked from more than 170 enlisted historians to be the first historian for the F-117 Stealth fighter program at Tonapah, Nev.

"I had the opportunity to tell the story of the F-117, and for two years I couldn't even tell my wife what I did," he said. "That was the highlight of my enlisted career, and now I've moved on to the numbered Air Force with the greatest heritage in the Air Force."

Mr. Myers, who retired from the Air Force in 1991, always finds his work exciting.

"What I really like about this job is that it is always changing. The material is always fresh, the accomplishments are different, and the people and personalities are different," he said. "I have complete freedom to decide what I'm going to do each day — if I want to chase down pictures, I can. If I want to go talk to people, I can. If I want to go somewhere and look through files, I can."

The historian also enjoys the fact that the finished history product is a result of his efforts.

"I take the product from a basic outline and eight or nine months later, I deliver a 200-300-page history that tells the 8th Air Force story," he said. "Through



Mr. Phil Myers



Tech. Sgt. Shawn Bohannon

time, my histories will form the basis of what will be told about 8th Air Force in the future."

For Sergeant Bohannon, who earned the ACC Excellence in History Program Award, it is helping others learn the history of the 2d BW that brings him the most job satisfaction.

"It is very, very satisfying to help school-age kids, from middle school through college, who are writing a research paper on the history of Barksdale," he said. "I love being able to open up my archives and give them original information to build their reports.

"It's a pleasure to see these kids, most of whom are long-time residents of Shreveport or Bossier City, learn the history of a base that's been in their backyards all these years," Sergeant Bohannon added. "It's cool to hear them say 'Wow! I never even knew that happened here."

Sergeant Bohannon also really enjoys the deployment aspect of his job.

"I like deploying to a contingency location and being one of the first people there — basically creating a history office from scratch," he said. "That's my job in its purest form, free of home station additional duties and the daily grind. It's being a historian stripped down to its simplest form — I love that aspect of it."

Sergeant Bohannon's love of history began in the seventh grade when, during a visit to the school library, he happened to see a 24-volume set of books on the history of World War II.

"I remember picking up a volume and starting to read and I was hooked," Sergeant Bohannon said. "I read every volume, and soon I was reading everything I could get my hands on about World War II."

An interest in World War I, the Civil War and air power history soon followed. Sergeant Bohannon's love of history shows in his work — he has earned the Excellence in History Program Award five times for ACC, and once at Air Force level.

Both Mr. Myers and Sergeant Bohannon will receive their awards at the 2004 Worldwide History Conference in October at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Observer News July 2, 2004 7



Airman Brandon Kusek/Observe

'Fit to Drive'

Tech. Sgt. Joe Winfield of the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron's vehicle maintenance flight inspects the battery of a base member's car during Barksdale's first "Fit to Drive" day Monday. Members from the 2d Bomb Wing Safety Office, 2d

Security Forces Squadron and 2d LRS performed free vehicle inspections in the commissary parking lot. Among the items inspected were safety restraints, child seats, windshields, mirrors, tires, engine belts, lights and interior safety.

News Briefs

Changes of command

ACC TSS Detachment 13

Lt. Col. Rick Taglang takes command of Air Combat Command Training Squadron Detachment 13 from Lt. Col. Tom Curby-Lucier during a ceremony Wednesday at the officers club ballroom at 10 a.m.

Colonel Taglang comes from the 96th Bomb Squadron where he was the assistant operations officer and a B-52 instructor pilot.

Colonel Curby-Lucier goes to 8th Air Force's new Detachment 1 where he will be the chief of Network Attack for Air Force Forces.

2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Lt. Col. Edward Kramer takes command of the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Lt. Col. Peter Axelson during a ceremony July 9 at Hoban Hall at 10 a.m.

Colonel Kramer comes from Stuttgart-Vaihing, Germany, where he served as the U.S. European Command programs and mobility branch chief.

Colonel Axelson heads to 2d Bomb Wing Plans and Programs where he will serve as the chief of long-range plans.

49th Test and Evaluation Squadron

Lt. Col. Barry Sebring takes command of

the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron from Lt. Col. Thomas Jacobson during a ceremony at Hoban Hall July 14 at 10 a.m.

Colonel Sebring is stepping up from the director of operations of the 49th TES.

Colonel Jacobson goes to the Test Management Group at Eglin AFB, Fla., where he will serve as the deputy group commander.

2d Medical Support Squadron

Maj. L. Todd Eppler takes command of the 2d Medical Support Squadron from Lt. Col. Joanne McPherson July 14 at 10 a.m. at the officers club.

Major Eppler comes from Air Combat Command Surgeon General's Office, Langley AFB, Va., where he served as the chief of clinical administration.

Colonel McPherson heads to the 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, where she will serve as the resource manager.

Retirements

Master Sgt. Harmeson

Master Sgt. Donald "Chip" Harmeson, 8th Information Warfare Flight, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony in the 917th Wing auditorium July 9 at 10 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the

day for military. Call Capt. Colin Connor at 456-7926 for more information.

Master Sgt. Byrd

Master Sgt. Johnny Byrd, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, retires after 27 years of dedicated service during a ceremony July 9 in the enlisted club ballroom at 10 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Davis at 456-5083 for more information.

Article 15

One Barksdale member received nonjudical punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice June 23.

The airman first class tested positive for wrongful use of marijuana. Punishment was reduction to airman basic and 15 days extra duty. Administrative discharge has been initiated on the member. There were two discharges under the Rapid Airman Discharge Program during the above time frame.

Motorcycle training

Base members must schedule a one-onone counseling session with their unit commander and attend a motorcycle safety foundation training class before operating a motorcycle. The next three-day training course is Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m., July 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and July 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call Tech. Sgt. Daryl Gurunian at 456-5608 for more information.

Dorm manager position

A dorm manager position is open for a staff sergeant. Applicants must provide a resume, their last three enlisted performance reports and a letter of recommendation with a release date from their commander. Deadline for application submission is July 16.

Call Tech. Sgt. James Burgos at 456-4786 for more information.

Conquerors Toastmasters

Individuals interested in improving their public speaking abilities can attend Toastmasters every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. at the enlisted club. All base members are eligible to participate. Call Capt. Arlene Collazo at 456-6914 for more information.

Free presentation

The Shreveport Area Radio Kontrol Society sponsors a free remote control jet presentation July 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at North Ridge Air Park in Shreveport.

Call 741-5501 for more information.

News Observer 🐺 July 2, 2004

MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

Unit: 26th Operational Weather Squadron

Family: Children: Michelle, 20, and

Past assignments: Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, RAF Lakenheath, UK; Scott AFB, Ill.; Fort Collins, Col.; Minot AFB, N.D.; United Arabs Emirates.

Education: Bachelor's degree in political science, Air Force Academy; master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology, Louisiana Tech; master's degree in advanced air and space studies.

Off-duty time is for: Running, reading and recharging my batteries.

Hobbies: I enjoy hunting, fishing, golfing and hiking, but I haven't done any of them for a while!

What challenges do you see as a commander? We are a training center with a live operational mission or an operations center with a live training mission, so the challenge is to mold 125-130 first-term Airmen into forecasters while simultaneously providing forecasts, watches, warnings and advisories



Lt. Col. Robert Fleishauer

for more than 60 Department of Defense locations in "tornado alley."

Goals: My main goal is to survive to the end of the week. Beyond that, after my command tour is over, I'd like to attend SDE in-residence and then a career-broadening assignment or an Air

What makes a good Airman out**standing?** A high level of motivation. Lots of Airmen can do a job, but truly outstanding ones do it without being

Long-term care insurance still available for members

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Active-duty Airmen, some reservists, appropriated-fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members can still apply for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

The program is a benefit authorized by Congress to help federal employees defray the costs of in-home care, nursinghome care, or assisted-living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic-health

Most people believe they do not need long-term care insurance because they have health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, officials said. However, in most cases, only skilled medical services are covered and usually only for a limited

Health plans usually do not cover ongoing chronic care such as extended stays in assisted-living facilities or continued need for a home health aid. Disability income insurance does not pay for long-

"When you need long-term care services, securing the best type and quality of care can seem daunting," said Ms. Kay Cole James, director of the office of personnel management at the Air Force Personnel Center. "That's why the care coordination services provided by the federally sponsored program are so valu-

Insurance program enrollees have access to care-coordination services at no additional charge, she said.

Enrollment is not tied to an open season and employees may enroll at any time under one of two application processes: full-underwriting application process, which most employees will use, or abbreviated-underwriting application process, which is limited to use by new spouses of current employees within 60 days of marriage; newly hired and rehired employees within 60 days of hiring; temporary employees converting to permanent appointments within 60 days of conversion or new qualifying appointment; employees returning from a nonpay status including activated reservists within 60 days of returning to duty, as long as they were in a nonpay status for more than three months of the initial open season held July1 through Dec. 31, 2002. If these employees do not enroll during the 60-day window, they can also apply through the full-underwriting application process.

For more information on the insurance program and how to enroll, access www.ltcfeds.com/. Certified specialists are available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time by calling 1-800-582-3337 or TTY (800) 843-3557. (Courtesy AFPC News Service)

Utility uniform feedback survey, PT gear coming

BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT ELLIOTT

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year, and a Web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform is now online.

"Color continues to be a big concern for Airmen," said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Air Force military clothing sales stores will begin displaying the utility uniforms in

"We will be getting posters before we receive the actual uniform," said Ms. Bonney Meyers, sales associate at Barksdale Military Clothing Sales, "the poster will feature the hat, belt, undershirt and boots and will list some of the benefits and features the uniform offers and will be available in the next few weeks."

Feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent so far, but an Internet survey will give all Airmen a chance to voice their opinion, she said.

"We're encouraging people to not give us their feedback until they've had the opportunity to see the uniform," Sergeant Dean said. "Go ahead and look at the pictures, but don't answer the survey until (you've) seen the uniform up close.

Sergeant Dean said people who have worn or actually seen the uniform have given high marks for its permanent press feature and how well it fits. The uniform's color scheme, initially met with skepticism, is more accepted now. If I could (preserve) one statement, it's 'Oh, it looks so much better in person," said Sgt. Dean

Besides color and style, Airmen will notice the new uniform features an eight-point hat, no squadron or major command patches and no-shine suede boots.

If approved, the utility uniform will likely have a five-year phase-in period, Sergeant Dean said. The new PT uniform, however, has already been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and will soon be in active service.

"We did a wear and fit test from January through March," Sergeant Dean said. "We took all the feedback, and we now have established military specifications. They've gone out to manufacturers and should be in full production by the end of June."

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark blue running suit all with reflective safety markings.

Sergeant Dean said the goal was to have enough PT uniforms by Oct. 1 to supply Airmen scheduled for immediate deployment. After that requirement is met, the uniforms will be available for purchase through Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The PT uniform will have a two- to three-year phase-in period. Sergeant Dean said the running suit costs about \$100, and the shorts and shirt about \$25. Officials have not yet determined if Airmen will receive a lump sum allotment in October, an increase in their annual clothing allowance or a voucher to pay for the initial require-

Although personal preference is the rule for PT shoes, Sergeant Dean said they must be conservative in design and color. Saluting will not be required while wearing the PT uniform, and jewelry wear will be the same as with other uniforms, so long as safety is taken into consideration.

Only active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will be authorized to purchase the PT uniforms from AAFES until adequate supplies are avail-

Thrift Savings Plan launches toll-free telephone service

phone service for Thrift Savings Plan participants and beneficiaries is now available.

Callers can now receive TSP account or transaction information via the telephone service daily around the clock.

They can also speak to a participant-service representative at one of two call centers from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday.

The retirement savings plan is for federal employees and is similar to the 401(k) plans offered by many private employers.

As of May 31, TSP assets totaled national calls.

WASHINGTON — A toll-free tele- more than \$135 billion and retirement savings accounts were being maintained for nearly 3.3 million

> Participants include federal civilian employees in all branches of Government, employees of the U.S. Postal Service and members of the uniformed services.

> For calls from the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the primary toll-free number is 1-877-968-3778 and the TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1-877-847-4385.

> The current number 1-504-255-8777 is available for all other inter-



Rocketman

Airman 1st Class Therese Schmidt of the 26th Operational Weather Squadron and Amil Bullock, 12-year-old grandson of Mrs. Betty Stevens of the 917th Public Affairs Office, prepare to launch a rocket during the STARBASE Program Funtastic Flight Summer Academy June 21 - June 25. Students participated in science, math and technology activities related to aviation and space exploration.

「A results are in

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY OBSERVER

The past tax season is the last thing on most Airmen's minds this summer, but volunteer income tax assistance representatives who helped people file taxes this February through April are now receiving thanks for their efforts.

"The entire base community benefited from the dedication of each one of our VI-TA volunteers and the dedication of Staff Sgt. Linda Garza, the NCO in charge of the tax center," said Col. Charlie Williamson, 2d Bomb Wing Judge Advocate. "The support from our VITA volunteers showed families of our deployed members and our retirees that they are always part of our Air Force family."

A total of 1,735 federal and 529 state returns were filed at the tax center, which saved Airmen, retirees and family members \$184,610 in filing fees. More than \$2.5 million in returns came back to base community members during this tax sea-

Thirty-eight VITA representatives from units throughout the base volunteered many hours to the program. Each of them received training on tax preparation and were expected to contribute four to eight hours of time at the tax center a week.

Master Sgt. Stephen Ward of the 2d Maintenance Squadron enjoyed volunteering for the project because he was able to "see immediate results from efforts, plus learn how the tax system affects many different taxpayers in the U.S. and point out some changes that can be made to help reduce their tax burden."

For Airman 1st Class Melissa Vallia, 2d Communications Squadron, working and helping people were the best part of being a VITA representative.

"I loved the customer interaction and learning all of the different ins and outs of tax laws," Airman Vallia said. "There was a lot of interaction with people I have never met before. I was able to hear different stories about life in the military from the retirees."

Making a difference was the prime motive for 1st Lt. Cyrena Wooster, 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs.

"Volunteering for VITA is different because the results are in hard numbers right in front of you, so you really feel like you are making a measurable difference," Lieutenant Wooster said. "It's great to see the number of returns that we processed, the amount of money that we saved people on filing fees and the amount of money that we were able to get back for peo-

All of the volunteers are receiving letters of appreciation for their efforts from Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander.



Ole!

Tech. Sgt. Robert Horstman/2d CS

Barksdale held its first community expo June 24 at Hoban Hall. First Lt. Rachel Ramos, center, and Airman Kenia Centeno, right, talk to Airman Daisy Huerta, left, while Staff Sgt. Lawanda Rodriguez looks on. Lieutenant Ramos and Airman

Centeno are both members of the Hispanic Heritage Committee. Lieutenant Ramos and Airmen Centeno and Huerta work in 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Sergeant Rodriguez works in the 2d Dental Squadron.



How sweet it is

Tech. Sgt. Metus Rivers hands out candy to children in Iraq june 11. He is currently deployed in Iraq with the 407th Air Expeditionary Group and is home stationed with the 2d Communications Squadron as a cable and antenna systems

technician. Sergeant Rivers is one of almost 600 Barksdale Airmen deployed for 90 days in support of Air Expeditionary Force 9 and 10. It's not unusual for deployed servicemembers to get involved with the local community.

Harsh conditions make firefighters job harder in Iraq

BY STAFF SGT. JEREMY LARLEE

447TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq — Forty five seconds is all it takes.

In the right conditions it would only take that amount of time for one of the many tents at Camp Sather to burn to the ground.

It is the job of the 33 firefighters assigned to the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron to prevent fires and quickly extinguish ones that might start at all hours of the day.

"Air Force fire protection's mission as always is to support the flying mission and to protect life and property," said Master Sgt. Gerald Johnson, 447th Air Expeditionary Group fire chief, who is home stationed at Langley Air Force Base. "As long as there are aircraft and the people to keep them flying, we will be here."

Airman 1st Class James Thompson said he was nervous and excited when he found he was going to be deployed to Iraq. Airman Thompson, who is home stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, said the experience is the pinnacle of his two-year career.

"I really feel like I am doing something important here," Airman Thompson said, who is one of 20 Barksdale firefighters deployed to Iraq. "The situation here can be tough, but it is not as bad as I thought it would be." The group saw action June 14 when it pitched in with more than 100 other local area firefighters from other units to battle a large fire at a nearby Army post.

"The fire destroyed so much," Sergeant Johnson said. "It was without doubt caused and fueled by the dry vegetation found everywhere in this area.

"On that day we also had winds blowing at greater than 34 knots. More than 150 people contributed to stopping that fire and preventing even more damage," Sergeant Johnson said.

One prime challenge the firefighters face is the limited supply of water. Sergeant Johnson explained that unlike a stateside base, the living areas at Camp Sather have no hydrant system. The water supply they use is also the water the rest of the camp uses for showers, hand washing, toilets and clothes washing, so water conservation by all camp members in the 447th AEG is important.

The high temperatures in Iraq not only act as prime fire conditions, they also serve as a threat to the health and safety of the firefighters.

"The factors make for the worst conditions the firefighters have had to work in," Sergeant Johnson said. "As we go through the normal day with high heat stress levels, imagine donning a full set of firefighting gear and fighting fire for an hour or more in these conditions."

The risk to a member's health means performing as a team is essential.

"It's absolutely vital for accomplishing our mission," Sergeant Johnson said. "Every person has a role to fill from the fire chief coordinating overall actions to the troop with the water nozzle in his or her hands. Each role depends on the others to ensure the desired outcome."

In addition to working together they have to coexist with other members of Camp Sather as well.

"I think that the Air Force has cornered the market on pulling together when needs arise," Sergeant Johnson said. "We all deployed with the understanding that none of us can accomplish the mission alone, it takes teamwork and support. I have found that here."

The extreme climate makes enforcement of proper fire safety rules by the firefighters vital as well.

"Because of these conditions, we preach fire prevention and enforce strict practices like proper spacing between tents, no storage between tents, no smoking in or around tents, and having working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in each tent," Sergeant Johnson said.

Sergeant Johnson said his team has the right attitude to keep the camp safe.

"We are accomplishing more with the 33 firefighters here than the previous rotations did with 39 and more," Sergeant Johnson said. "I am proud of these firefighters and encouraged by their drive to fulfill their mission."

At your service

Holiday closures

The enlisted and officers clubs close Sunday for the Fourth of July holiday. The youth center, child development center, part day enrichment center and family child care close Monday. Leisure time youth programs close Monday and Tuesday. The arts and crafts center closes Monday through July 11 in observance of Independence Day and for summer vacation and reopens July 12 at 10 a.m.

Mongolian night

Asian fare is served Wednesday in the officers club dining room at 5:30 p.m. Guests build their own entrees by picking from a variety of fresh ingredients like shrimp, beef, chicken or pork, dozens of crisp vegetables and 19 exotic sauces. The club chefs weigh and cook guests' entrees. Cost is 45 cents per ounce. Desserts are also available. All ranks are welcome.

Bingo jackpot

Thursday's jackpot is \$900 and growing weekly. Early bird bingo and the buffet begin at 5:30 p.m. The buffet is \$5.50 for nonmembers and \$4.50 for club members. Jackpot Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and all ranks are welcome. Members receive \$5 off a multi-card bingo pack.

Flambé night

Enjoy flambé at the officers club July 9. Dine on beef tenderloin medallions that are cooked tableside in a flaming mushroom wine sauce. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and is open to all ranks.

Family buffet night

Family buffet night is July 14 at the officers club at 5:30 p.m. Children can watch videos and win prizes. Adults can dine on rosemary baked chicken, roast beef, southern fried catfish, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed rice, green bean almondine, a vegetable medley and hot cobbler for \$6.95. The children's buffet features chicken nuggets, mini corndogs, pizza, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, swirl pudding, jello and cookies for \$3.50. Ages 5 and under eat for \$2.95.

Framing class

Framing classes are scheduled July 12, 14 and 19 from 10 a.m. until noon and July 13, 15 and 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the arts and crafts center. Cost is \$25 plus supplies and students should bring a picture or photo 11 inches by 14 inches or smaller suitable for framing. An instructor will help students achieve professional results. Prepayment is required and a minimum of four are needed to have a class. Call 456-3140 for reservations.

Swim lesson registration

The outdoor recreation staff offers swim lessons for children and adults. Sign up Mondays through Fridays at the west pool. The price is \$30 for the first student and \$25 per additional student per family. The next two sessions run Thursday through July 23 and July 26 through Aug. 10.

Woodworking class

Woodworking classes at the wood hobby shop are scheduled July 13, 15, 20 and 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. and cover basic woodworking skills, techniques, safety and equipment use.

Students must be at least 17 years old to partici-

pate and complete a take-home project. Cost for four classes is \$65. Stop by the wood hobby shop or call Mr. Mike Jarrett at 456-3409 for details.

Scrapbooking basics

A basic scrapbooking class is scheduled for July 13 and 15. The two-part class features photograph preservation and organization, product demonstrations and actual hands-on layout of pages or revitalization of old pages. Cost is \$18 for both sessions and ages 17 years and older are welcome to participate. Call 456-3140 to register.

Pool passes for sale

Family-season pool passes are \$70, single-season passes are \$35 and single-monthly passes are \$15. Daily admission is \$1.50. Season passes have savings up to 83 percent off normal admission prices. The pools are located by the enlisted and officers clubs and are open through Sept. 6. Passes are available for purchase at either pool or at Gifts and Getaways. Call 456-7765 for more informa-

Missoula drama camp

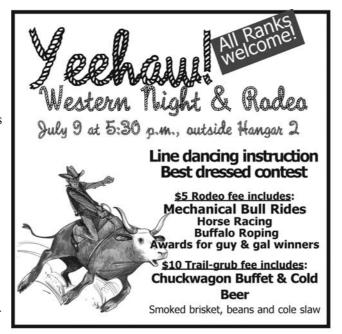
Auditions are the first week in August for the Missoula drama camp. Students entering grades six through 12 may participate. Actors are selected following the audition and practice starts immediately. The week culminates with a dinner theater performance of "The Frog Prince" at the enlisted club. This is a great way to introduce children to the world of acting, singing and set design. Call Mrs. Cora Davis at 456-3448 for details.

Children's art class

The arts and crafts center offers a children's class every Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Children are taught various arts and crafts projects. Cost is \$2 and up depending on the project. Reservations are required Tuesday before the class. Call 456-3140 to sign up.

New prints in stock

The frame shop received a new selection of frameable art. Prints from artists such as J.D. Challenger, L. Gordin, Tom DuBois and many others are available. Stop by the frame shop to check out the new merchandise. The frame shop professionals can custom matte and frame the print, making a truly unique piece.





FAMILY SUPPORT

Reservations required for all events.

Youth leadership conference

The American Red Cross facilitated Youth Leadership Training Conference, a certification course for youth ages 12-17, is scheduled for July 12 to 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Training includes baby-sitting, first aid, infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the fourth annual first aid competition. This educational program enables youth to learn skill-building techniques to last a lifetime. The course costs \$5. Call 456-8400 for more information and to make reservations.

Patriotic picnic

All families of deployed members are invited to a patriotic picnic Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Don't miss out on hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon and prizes. Reservations are required. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Buying a home

A home buying workshop is scheduled for Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and provides information about what questions to ask mortgage bankers or realtors, information on securing financing and much more. Home buying resources are provided. Call 456-8400 to register.

TAP seminar

A three-day transition assistance program seminar is scheduled Tuesday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Department of Labor designed the program to help military members and their spouses make sound career decisions as they transition from military service to civilian life.

Attendees learn the skills needed to complete a successful self-directed job search. Based on comments made by attendees, most said they wish they had taken advantage of this workshop 12 to 24 months prior to leaving the service. Sign up to receive the tools needed to help prepare for this new challenge.

Airman's Attic

Donations of spring and summer clothing for adults and children are needed to stock the Airman's Attic. All clothing items should be clean and not stained or torn. These service able items can be dropped off at Family Services located in the Family Support Center Mondays through Fridays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Airman's Attic provides free household items, clothing, toys, uniforms, books and more to senior airmen and below and on a case-by-case basis for staff sergeants and above.

Cancer support group

The cancer support group meets the second Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and provides an atmosphere of sharing and caring for individuals who are faced with the challenges of cancer.



Heir Force

Barksdale's latest arrivals

Name

June 2 Trenton Christopher

Parents

Master Sgt. Chris and Kara Lanier 2d Services Squadron

To announce your latest arrival, call the Observer at 456-5501 or e-mail observer@barksdale.af.mil.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Family: Fiancée Senior Airman Belinda Brady

Hometown: Las Vegas

Unit: 2d Medical Support Squadron

Job title: Diagnostic imaging technologist and

radworks admin

Job description: Provide quality images for the doctors to read and make sure that all films are stored digitally at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Most rewarding job aspect: Knowing that I have provided quality medical care.

Goals: Get married, pass Air Force quality con-

Hobbies: Playing guitar, watching movies and listening to music

What motivates my winning attitude: Knowing that I work hard

Favorite TV shows: South Park

Favorite movie: Kill Bill

Favorite performer: Slipknot

Favorite sports team: Oakland Raiders

Favorite dish: Anything with pasta

Favorite book: Steven King's It

I'm proudest of: The fact that I live in the

United States

People I admire the most: My father, step fa-



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

Senior Airman **Michael Ayers**

ther and grandfather for all serving in the best Air Force in the world

Best day of my life: When I got engaged

My best asset is: That I am a people person

Pet peeve: People who brown nose their way

What I like most about Barksdale: The fact that my mom is here

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: I would make it stop raining

2d Medical Support Squadron at a Glance

Squadron commander: Lt. Col. Joanne McPherson First sergeant: Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sanders

2d Medical Group commander: Col. Robert Todaro Squadron motto: Who's the best? MDSS!

Base Chapel Services

456-2111

Duty chaplain for emergencies: 456-2151



Catholic

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m. Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m. Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m. Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m. Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Combined service

The chapel holds a combined Protestant service Sunday at 11 a.m. at Chapel Two. It will be the only Sunday Protestant service.

B A S E THEATER

Today 7 p.m.— "Godsend" PG-13

Greg Kinnear, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos — Following the death of their eight-year-old son, Jessie and Paul are befriended by a doctor on the forefront of stem cell research and consider bringing him back to life through an experimental and illegal cloning process. The experiment is successful and Adam grows into a healthy and happy young boy ... until his 8th birthday.

Saturday 7 p.m. — "Troy" R

Brad Pitt, Eric Bana — Set in ancient Greece, Paris, the Prince of Troy, begins an affair with Helen, Queen of Sparta. King Menalaus of Sparta takes this as a terrible insult, both to him and his brother, Agamemnon, King of the Myceneans. Agamemnon unites the populations of Greece to bring Helen back from Troy.

Sunday 7 p.m. — "Breakin' All the Rules" PG-13

Jamie Foxx, Gabrielle Union — Quincy gets dumped by his fiancée, then writes a best-selling book advising guys to avoid heartache by breaking up with their girlfriends before they get hurt. Quincy's cousin enlists him to break up with his girlfriend for him, but while doing so Quincy falls for her.

are subject to change

Admission: Adults \$3 Children \$1.50

"What's Cooking?"

Red River Dining Facility

Items subject to change

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

FOURTH OF JULY

 To be announced Supper — To be announced

MONDAY

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

TUESDAY

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

WEDNESDAY

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

THURSDAY

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnizel

July 9

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti



Sports Shorts

Base championship

The golf base championship is scheduled for July 17-18. This tournament is open to active duty, reservists and Department of Defense and nonappropriated fund civilians. Players pay the normal green fees and cart rental rates with no entry fees. Winners from all flights receive trophies. The number of flights is contingent on the number of entries. Tee off is at 8 a.m. Stop by Fox Run Golf Course to sign up.

Wednesday scramble

Players can compete in Wednesday's scramble starting at 5 p.m. This is a blind draw, five-person scramble format. Names are pulled from a hat to establish teams. The entry fee is \$3 plus normal green fees and cart rental. One hundred percent of all entry fees are paid back as prize money.

Summer bowling program

Get out of the heat this summer and win prizes with the Bowl for Stars and Strikes program at the bowling center. Pick up a punch card and have it punched with every game bowled or with every large soda purchased. Win a bowling piggy bank, a new bowling ball or a bowling bag. Call the bowling center to find out open bowling times.

Youth soccer registration

Soccer registration is July 13-24 at the youth center. This is a coed league for ages 5-17. The cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. Coaches are also needed. Call 456-3448 to register.

Golf tournament

A golf tournament is scheduled for July 30 at Fox Run Golf Course. The tournament is shotgun start beginning at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 a player with green fees set at \$7 for E-1 through E-4; \$10 for E-5 through E-7 and GS-1 through GS-7; \$14 for E-8 and up, GS-8 and up, and all officers; and \$21 for guests. Cash prizes go to first, second and third place. There are also four closest to the pins and longest drive prizes. The tournament is a four-man scramble and is limited to the first 20 teams with one single-digit handicapper per team. To sign up as a team or single e-mail Master Sgt. Wayne Penrod or call at 456-5049.

Registration for Air Force Marathon is open

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

OBSERVER

The United States Air Force marathon is scheduled for Sept. 18, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Runners can participate in the marathon, half marathon, relay or 5-kilometer runs.

Participants can register online or download a registration form at www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/.

The entry deadline is Sept. 7. Entries that are post-marked or hand delivered after Sept. 7 will not be accepted and returned unopened, with no exceptions.

Prices for individual and wheelchair is \$50. A relay team is \$180, the half marathon is \$35 and the 5 kilometer is \$15.

Relay teams will be limited to the first 250 teams. All team members must complete a registration form and send it in as a package with the total team payment. Changes to the team composition made after Aug. 20 will be charged \$5 per change.

Relay teams will consist of four members with each member running a different leg of the race. The team's total elapsed time will determine the winner. If a team has less than four runners on race day, one or more of

the runners will have to run consecutive legs. Any team who has a member run non-consecutive relay legs will be disqualified from the competition.

There are five categories of runners: coed, men's open, women's open, masters and military. In the coed division there must be at least one male or female on each team. All runners participating in the masters division must be at least 40 years old on race day. Participants in the military division must be on active duty, reserve or national guard, in the United States or foreign military.

To help record times more accurately, computer timing chips will be used. In order to be timed, runners must wear the chip. This allows the marathon committee to use the runners' actual time from start line to finish line. If runners cross the finish line beside another runner, it does not necessarily mean both runners have the same time because they may have left the start line at different times.

There will be a buffet style pasta dinner at the Air Force Museum parking lot Sept. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on the entry form for \$12 per person or for \$14 at the door. The tickets are limited to the first 800 people.

Standings through Tuesday



Base members use the recently renovated running track outside the Barksdale Sports and Fitness Center.

Softball					Golf						
American League		National League		American League		National League					
	W	L		W	L		W	L		W	L
MDG	2	0	CS	4	0	SFS	4	1	SVS	5	0
MUNS	2	1	AMXS #2	3	2	CS	4	1	MSS	4	0
SFS	1	0	49th TES	2	1	MXS #1	4	1	49th TES	4	2
20th BS	1	0	SVS	2	2	8th AF	4	2	917th #2	3	1
MXS #1	1	1	MOS	2	1	MDG	4	2	AMXS	3	2
CES	1	1	MXS #3	2	2	LRS	2	3	CPTS	2	3
AMXS #1	1	1	OWS	1	3	CES	2	3	OSS	1	3
LRS	0	2	MSS	0	4	MUNS #1	2	3	MOS	1	3
11th BS	0	3	MXS #2	0	0	11th BS	2	4	MUNS #2	1	4
8th AF	0	1				917th #1	1	5	MXS #2	0	5

Standings through Tuesday